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To establish a computer education program for certain students.

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Ms. LONG (for herself and Mr. MYERS of Indiana) introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To establish a computer education program for certain students.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Buddy System Com-
5 puter Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 It is the purpose of this Act to award demonstration
8 grants to develop and expand public-private partnership
9 programs which extend the learning experience, via com-
10 puters, beyond the classroom environment in order to—

1 (1) enhance learning by providing students with
2 the technological tools and guidance necessary to de-
3 velop skills critical to educational growth and suc-
4 cess in the workplace, including—

5 (A) mastery of fundamental computer
6 technology and applications;

7 (B) improved written and visual commu-
8 nication skills;

9 (C) improved critical thinking and problem
10 solving abilities; and

11 (D) improved ability to work in a collabo-
12 rative, teamwork-driven environment;

13 (2) encourage parental involvement in education
14 and total family use and understanding of computers
15 and telecommunications through at-home applica-
16 tions; and

17 (3) established foundations for life-long learning
18 through improvement in education skills and student
19 motivation and attitudes.

20 **SEC. 3. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.**

21 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
23 a program of awarding a grant to each of 3 States
24 to enable such States to create a computer-based
25 education project in accordance with the require-

1 ments of section 4 for children—(A) grades 4–6;
2 and or (B) middle or junior high school.

3 (2) AWARD BASIS.—The Secretary shall award
4 grants under this Act on a competitive basis.

5 (3) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under
6 this Act, the Secretary shall give preference to appli-
7 cations—

8 (A) from States that have a demonstrated
9 ability or commitment to computer-based tech-
10 nology education; and

11 (B) describing projects that serve school
12 districts which serve a large number or percent-
13 age of economically disadvantaged students.

14 (b) SITE SELECTION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTA-
15 TION.—Site selection and implementation of the com-
16 puter-based education projects assisted under this Act
17 shall take place not later than 9 months after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

20 Each State receiving a grant to conduct a computer-
21 based education project under this Act shall—

22 (1) provide a continuous 4-year computer-based
23 education project to—(A) consecutive groups of 4th,
24 5th, and 6th (if applicable) grade school students
25 during the period commencing with each such

1 group's entry into 4th grade and ending the summer
2 following each such group's completion of elementary
3 school; and or (B) consecutive groups of middle or
4 junior high school students during the period com-
5 mencing with each such group's entry into the 1st
6 grade taught at such middle or junior high school
7 and ending the summer following each such groups
8 completion of the last grade taughtt at such middle
9 or junior high school.

10 (2) ensure that each student in each of the
11 classes participating in the project shall participate
12 in the project;

13 (3) conduct such project in not more than 7
14 public schools within the State; and

15 (4) ensure that each student participating in
16 the project shall have access to a computer—

17 (A) at school during the school year; and

18 (B) at home during the school year and
19 summer.

20 **SEC. 5. APPLICATIONS.**

21 (a) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—In order to receive a
22 grant under this Act, the chief State school officer of a
23 State shall submit an application to the Secretary in such
24 form and containing such information as the Secretary
25 may reasonably require. Such application shall include an

1 assurance from the State educational agency that the
2 State educational agency has made every effort to match
3 on a dollar-for-dollar basis from private or public sources
4 the funds received under this Act, except that no such ap-
5 plication shall be penalized or denied assistance under this
6 Act on the basis of the failure to provide such matching
7 funds.

8 (b) APPLICATION PERIOD.—States shall be eligible to
9 submit applications for assistance under this Act during
10 a 3-month period determined by the Secretary.

11 **SEC. 6. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.**

12 Grant funds under this Act shall be used to provide
13 hardware and software components to all sites, and train-
14 ing for classroom teachers as well as parents, administra-
15 tors and technical personnel.

16 **SEC. 7. EVALUATION.**

17 The Secretary shall evaluate the demonstration pro-
18 gram assisted under this Act and shall report to the Con-
19 gress regarding the overall effectiveness of such program.

20 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

21 For the purpose of this Act, the term “State” means
22 each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Com-
23 monwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Is-
24 lands, Guam, and American Samoa.

1 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated \$4,000,000
3 for fiscal year 1994, \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 1995,
4 \$5,500,000 for fiscal year 1996, and \$3,500,000 for fiscal
5 year 1997 to carry out this Act.

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